

Water Quality Goals

List of Abbreviations

<	Less than
>	Greater than
≥	Greater than or equal to
§	Section
Σ	Summation
10 ⁻⁵	One in 100 thousand
10 ⁻⁶	One in a Million
2°	Secondary
AFG	Air Force Base
Ag	Agricultural
AGR	Agricultural beneficial use of water
avg.	Average
Ben.	Beneficial
CA	California
Cal/EPA or CalEPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
CAO	Cleanup and Abatement Order
CCC	Criteria Continuous Concentration
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CMC	Criteria Maximum Concentration
CTR	California Toxics Rule
Cu	Copper
CWA	Federal Clean Water Act
CWC	California Water Code
DDW	Division of Drinking Water
DEC	Dichloroethylene
DFW	Department of Fish and Wildlife (California)
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances Control
DWEL	Drinking water equivalent level
E	Enclosed bays and estuaries
EC	Electrical Conductivity
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
FAO-UN	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations
g	Gallon(s)
G	Groundwater
IRIS	Integrated Risk Information System
IS	Inland surface waters
kg	kilogram
L	Liter(s)
L/kg-day	Liters of water consumption per kilogram body weight per day
LC ₅₀	Lethal concentration to half of the test population
LOEC	Lowest observed effect concentration
MADL	Maximum Allowable Dose Level (for reproductive toxicity)
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level (component of drinking water standard)

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mg/kg/day	milligrams of a substance per kilogram body weight per day of exposure
mg/L	milligrams per liter
MTBE	Methyl t-Butyl Ether
MUN	Municipal and Domestic Water Supply beneficial use
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
NEMI	National Environmental Methods Index
NOEC	No observed effect concentration
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRWQC	National Recommended Water Quality Criteria
NSRL	No Significant Risk Level (for cancer)
NTR	National Toxics Rule
O	Ocean waters
OEHHA	Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment within CalEPA
PCE	Perchloroethyle (Tetrachloroethylene)
pH	negative log of the hydrogen ion concentration
PHG	Public Health Goal
Porter-Cologne	Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act
ppb	part per billion
Prop	Proposition
q_1^*	Cancer potency (slope) factor
Res.	Resolution
Resolution 68-16	State Water Board, Antidegradation Policy
Resolution 88-63	State Water Board, "Sources of Drinking Water" Policy
RfD	Reference dose
RSC	Relative Source Contribution
SIP	State Implementation Policy for CTR Criteria, "Policy for Implementation of Toxics Standards for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries"
SNARL	Suggested No Adverse Response Level
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
T&O	Taste and odor
TCE	Trichloroethylene
TDS	Total Dissolved Solids
ug/L	microgram per liter
USEPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
VOCs	Volatile organic contaminants
W.Q.	Water quality
Zn	Zinc